

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

EDGAR VALDEZ,

Defendant.

CASE NO. **24-164-JNW**

DETENTION ORDER

The Court has conducted a detention hearing under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and concludes there are no conditions which the defendant can meet which would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required or the safety of any other person and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

Defendant is charged with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. Defendant did not contest detention.

Defendant proposed to release to his father's residence. His father however indicated he was unsure whether he was okay with this plan. Defendant has ties to this district but also appears to travel broadly having visited many countries in central America. Defendant has been unemployed for three to four years and has had both mental health and substance use challenges. Release is not recommended due to a lack of a confirmed place to reside, a history of substance use, unexplained assets and lack of employment.

1 It is therefore **ORDERED**:

2 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the
3 Attorney General for confinement in a correctional facility separate, to the extent practicable,
4 from persons awaiting or serving sentences, or being held in custody pending appeal;

5 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
6 counsel;

7 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the
8 Government, the person in charge of the correctional facility in which Defendant is confined
9 shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in
10 connection with a court proceeding; and

11 (4) The Clerk shall provide copies of this order to all counsel, the United States
12 Marshal, and to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officer.

13 DATED this 31st day of October, 2024.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
United States Magistrate Judge